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(COMOR-D-48/38)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : ARGON Priority

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-41.15/8, 24 June 1963
b. USIB-D-41.15/9, 27 June 1963

1. The attached memorandum on the subject from the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, is in response to the request contained in paragraph 3 of the memorandum from Chairman, USIB circulated as the attachment to reference b.

2. The attachment hereto is transmitted to the USIB as a basis for discussion of item 4 on the agenda of the 2 July meeting.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT: ARGON Priority

References: a. Memorandum for Chairman, USIB from DNRO, same subject, dated 19 June 63

b. USIB-D-41.15/8 (COMOR-D-48/32), dated 24 June 63

c. Memorandum for DNRO from Chairman, USIB, same subject, dated 27 June 63

The technical problems that I referred to in the first paragraph of my memorandum to you of 19 June (reference a.) have caused further slippage in the July and succeeding months launch schedules. The impact of no CORONA type (M or J) mission before the last of July has compelled me to direct that the R-7, 13 July 63, standby CORONA be launched as a regular CORONA mission on 16 July 63.

In making this decision, I was aware of the Board's recommendation of 27 June (reference c.) that the 13 July R-7 vehicle be launched with an ARGON payload. I feel, however, that the information regarding the CORONA type launch capabilities on which the Board based its decision has altered sufficiently to make this action necessary. Alternatively, I have scheduled an ARGON mission for October with instructions to advance its launch date to earliest part of month feasible.

Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

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1. July-Oct NRP Photo
Satellite Schedule
2. FY 64 NRP Photo
Satellite Schedule

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JULY-OCTOBER 1963 NRP PHOTOGRAPHIC SATELLITE SCHEDULE

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Mission	9057	1002	1004	1006
Type	CM	J2	J4	J6
Date	16	15	17	15
Mission	1001	8004	1005	9058A
Type	J1	L4	J5	ARGON
Date	26	27	27	18
Mission	8003	1003	8005	1007
Type	L3	J3	L5	J7
Date	31	30	30	24

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FY 64 NRP PHOTOGRAPHIC SATELLITE SCHEDULE

SPARES	Pay-load	Sys-tem	CY 63					CY 64					
			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
CORONA "M"			1				(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	J
"J"		3*	1	2**	2**	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
"L"	*** 3 5		1	1	1								
ARGON	1 4****					1							

- NOTES: () Standby launches at continuous (sequential) R-7 condition.
* One each complete system available Oct, Nov and Dec 1963
** One each of these J launches will be scheduled for primary launch as single recovery CM's secondary J. Decision to be made pending success of preceding J.
*** Three L payloads are currently available. Five additional LANYARD payloads available for launch Jan-June 1964.
**** Four additional ARGON payloads available for launch beginning June 1964.

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